

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 6-12, 15 and 16 are allowed.

Claims 2-3 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 2 and 11-12 are amended taking into consideration the Examiner comments. It is readily apparent that independent claims 2 and 11 fall under the 'machine' statutory subject matter of 35 USC 101 by being directed to "**devices**" that as amended require "**a computer readable recording medium** storing ..." and "**a computer processor** executing ..." the recited functions, such that the devices are not programming per se. Withdrawal of the 35 USC 101 rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,  
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